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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: IRICK, JR. et al.)	
)	Art Unit: 1712
Application No.: 09/662,965)	
)	Examiner: Short, Patricia A.
Filed: September 15, 2000)	
)	Confirmation No.: 3021
For: METHODS FOR SLOWING THE)	
DEGRADATION RATE OF BIOGRADABLE)	
POLYMERS AND BIODEGRADABLE)	
POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND)	
COMPOSITIONS THEREOF)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003. This Amendment is submitted in the form authorized by revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.